



ORGANISATION	<u><a href="#">Regional Development Agency Centru</a></u>
Profile of your organisation	<p>Centru Region is one of the eight development regions of Romania, being established in 1998, in accordance with the Romanian Law of Regional Development. The Region is located in the middle of Romania, partially overlapping the historic province of Transylvania. The region is represented by a Regional Development Board (RDB) which is the deliberative body. The <b>Regional Development Agency Centru</b> (RDA Centru), acts as the executive structure of the RDB, being a nongovernment, non-profit organization of public utility, operating in the field of regional development. The activity of RDA Centru focuses on two main dimensions:</p> <p>(1) <b>Monitoring and implementation of European and national financing programs.</b> In 2007, RDA Centru was appointed as Intermediate Body for the implementation of the Regional Operational Programme 2007-2013 in Centru Region. The same role continued in the programming period 2014-2020. In the programming period of 2021-2027, the role of RDA Centru will be of <b>Managing Authority for the Regional Operational Programme 2021-2027 in Centru Region.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>Regional Planning.</b> RDA Centru is involved in the elaboration of the Regional Development Plan as well as other regional and national planning and programming documents. Also RDA Centru is involved in the elaboration and the implementation of the Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy, a document that aims to stimulate the regional entrepreneurial environment through engaging SMEs in open innovation processes.</p> <p>Complementary to these two main activities, RDA Centru hosts an Enterprise Europe Network Office and a Europe Direct Office, being an important regional actor which helps small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to grow and adapt to the existing economic challenges and to enter on international markets.</p> <p>RDA Centru has a constant and very diverse participation in the development programs financed by EU.</p>



	<p>Additionally, RDA Centru has a strong network of partners and stakeholders along QH (Chambers of Commerce, technology parks, universities, clusters, academia, SMEs including CCI and non-technology start-ups, public authorities etc.) with experience in implementing transnational projects and can collaborate with local stakeholders in order to assess the existing regional policies, collect the needs and develop an action plan for improving these policies.</p>
<p>Previous experience in European projects</p>	<p>Our experience includes participation as coordinator, beneficiary or partner in over 34 EU projects tackling important sectors such as: innovation, low carb economies, SMEs support, creative industries, training and human resources development, urban mobility, rural development, renewable energies, demographic changes, societal challenge of ageing society, innovative health solutions for thermal spas, education etc. The overall budget of these projects was over 4.3 million euros and included the implementation of several INTERREG IVC (DART, I4FOOD, DIFAS, GRISI PLUS), SEE (<a href="#">ID:WOOD</a>) Intelligent Energy (PROMOBIO), CIP, FP7 (RenERg EUreg), and lately COSME, H2020, Interreg Europe (<a href="#">CRE:HUB</a>, <a href="#">BIO4ECO</a>, <a href="#">Beyond EDP</a>, <a href="#">InnovaSPA</a>, <a href="#">RAMSAT</a>, <a href="#">E-MOB</a>, <a href="#">COLOR CIRCLE</a>) and Interreg Danube DTP projects (<a href="#">CHESTNUT</a>).</p>
<p>Interests for future projects proposals</p>	<p>Our interest is to participate in projects aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- development of policies that support different sectors at regional level and contribute to the sustainable development of the Region;</li> <li>- facilitates learning and exchange of experience and good practices between regions;</li> <li>- identification and transfer of good practices models in support schemes for SMEs, innovation programs, good practices in implementing smart specialization strategies;</li> <li>- providing support for increasing the competitiveness of SMEs</li> <li>- Identify economic cooperation opportunities with other European partners</li> </ul>
<p>Project ideas</p>	<p>Identify partner organisation of an online brokerage event in 2021 – members of Enterprise European Network</p> <p>Exchange experience with Managing Authorities of Regional Operational Programs</p> <p>Identify project partners for Interreg 2021/2027</p>
<p>3 key words</p>	<p>Interregional Cooperation, Innovation, Sme Support</p>
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